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Roanoke Social News

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ROANOKE, VA., December 28.—Miss Willie Caldwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Caldwell, entertained a number of friends Friday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock, in honor of her guests, Miss Burks, Nora Payne, of Lynchburg, and Miss Margaret Johnson, of Wytheville. The house was beautifully decorated with carnations, mistletoe and holly. Six-handed euchre was played. There were five tables, and the score cards were handpainted in mistletoe and holly. Two courses of delicious refreshments were served, and several pretty prizes given. Little Miss Sarah and Master Walker Caldwell have issued invitations for a party on Monday afternoon.

The Christmas german of the Phi Alpha Society was given Friday night, and was a brilliant affair. There were many young belles from other cities and towns among the dancers. The Christmas german of the Roanoke German Club will take place next Tuesday night.

Mr. A. S. Moomaw gave a surprise party Friday night in honor of his brother, Mr. Leland Moomaw. All the young belles and beaux of this section of Roanoke county were present, and it was a most delightful party.

Misses Helen and Annie Alenworth are entertaining a large number of young people at their hospitable and handsome home near the city, in honor of Miss Cockrell, daughter of Senator Cockrell, who is their guest.

Miss Margaret Scott, of Hollins, is spending the holidays in Roanoke.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Hicks left Friday for Florida, where they will spend the winter.

Miss Mary Miller, of Charlottesville, is the guest of Mrs. William Stephenson. Miss Cochran, of Texas, is the guest of Mrs. Hyler Thompson, at Crystal Spring.

Miss Sarah Cox is spending the holidays in Farmville.

Miss Frances Brinkley is at home for the holidays from the Farmville Normal.

Miss Adams, of Hollins, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Crawford.

Miss Willie Scott, of Hollins, is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Leigh Buckner.

Buchanan Social News.

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BUCHANAN, VA., December 28.—A beautiful Christmas tree and entertainment was given the children of the Buchanan Sunday school Tuesday night. The tree was laden with dolls and toys. Santa Claus arrived in time to distribute the presents, and much of the enjoyment of the little ones present.

On Thursday night a Christmas entertainment was given by the Baptist Sunday school. An appropriate Christmas program was creditably rendered, and each child was presented with a box of confectioneries at the close of the evening.

Rev. and Mrs. George F. Cook were tendered a delightful surprise on Christmas Day by the ladies of the Baptist Church. They were given a "linen shower" in honor of their twelfth marriage anniversary, which had just passed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Botten and little daughter are spending Christmas holidays at home for the holidays.

Miss Rosalie Cooke is visiting relatives at Montvale.

Mr. Fred W. Warratt, a student of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, is at home for the holidays.

Miss Nellie Cline is spending Christmas in Salem.

Miss Eunice Morris, of Vinton, is visiting relatives in town.

Mr. F. R. Hannah, of Baltimore, is at home for the holidays.

Miss Kitty Zirkle, of Craigsville, is visiting in Buchanan.

Mr. William McColligan, of Thurmond, W. Va., visited relatives in town this week.

Miss Angie Wyatt, who is teaching school in the county, is at home for Christmas vacation.

Mr. T. D. Sexton, of Yuma, is visiting his family here this week.

Mr. Henry Smith, of Baltimore, was a visitor to Buchanan last Sunday.

Mrs. May Harrison and daughter, of Hollins, visited relatives here this week.

Mrs. Kathryn Hoffman, of Richmond, is visiting her sister, Mrs. George F. Cook, on Boyd Street.

Dr. G. F. Conway continues very ill at his home here.

Mr. W. M. Sexton, of Augusta Springs, is visiting his parents in this place.

Miss Eva White, of New York, is visiting her schoolmate, Miss Ruth Odenbach, on Boyd Street.

Mr. F. W. Stegar and Miss Goldie Allen left Thursday to visit relatives in Columbia and Richmond.

Miss Emma Monell left Sunday for her home at Norfolk to spend the holidays.

Martinsville Social News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
MARTINSVILLE, VA., December 28.—While the year just closing has not been one of startling development in Martinsville, it has been one of steady progress and solid achievement for most of our business men. The year has only been marked by one small failure, and that in the first weeks of January.

The fall panic has affected sales and collections here to some extent during the past two months, as it has in other places, but this has not been sufficient to seriously embarrass any of our business enterprises.

The banks here have had a successful year, and although they have been compelled to curtail their loans during the past three months, they have greatly strengthened their reserves, and hold a very strong financial position at the present time. A small amount of credit currency was issued as a matter of precaution, but not of necessity. Both banks will pay good dividends to their stockholders.

All of the four independent tobacco manufacturers here have held their own, and some of them have made considerable progress. One of these companies claiming to have increased their output about 30 per cent during the year. The R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, while not putting up any plug tobacco here, has continued to purchase large quantities on this market, and to stem and store a large amount of leaf tobacco at their plants here.

The furniture and wood-working establishments here have, on the whole, a satisfactory year, notwithstanding the financial stringency of the past two months.

The town has continually increased the sale of electric lights and electric power. A majority of the houses in the better localities of the town are now lighted by electricity, and several of our mills and factories are driven by electric power from the municipal plant.

The Martinsville tobacco market has had an excellent season since October last. The sales have been large, the offerings good, and prices the best in several years.

The farmers of the county are, as a rule, in a prosperous condition, and

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[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Mrs. Basil Gordon, famous Virginia beauty, whose engagement to Lieutenant-Colonel George Barnett, of the United States Marine Corps, has just been announced. Mrs. Gordon was formerly Miss Lella Sinclair Montague, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Powhatan Montague. She belongs to the well-known Virginia family of that name, and her ancestry is distinguished in Colonial and Revolutionary history. After the marriage Lieutenant-Colonel Barnett and Mrs. Barnett will spend the remainder of the winter in Peking, where his wife will be presented at court.

probably have more money than they have had in fifteen or twenty years. The merchants here, both wholesale and retail, have had a successful year, and the holiday trade has been especially and surprisingly good.

Chatham Social News.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CHATHAM, VA., December 28.—During the year of 1907 more than \$50,000 have been expended in public improvements and buildings here. The Chatham Episcopal Institute, completed in October at a cost of nearly \$40,000, increasing the water supply of the town; laying new mains in Main Street and street paving, which is now under way, approximately \$20,000; the Reid Block, on Main Street, completed early this summer at a cost of several thousand dollars, comprise the greatest amount, while several less expensive buildings have been erected during the year.

Merchants in nearly every line report increase over last year's business. Labor is being paid more than at any time in the history of the town, and hard to be had at any price.

The J. H. Hargrave Co., manufacturers of furniture frames, are now having the capacity of their plant increased, which will require a corresponding increase in force.

Farmers here are realizing good prices for tobacco, at the same time receiving good prices for all farm products. Each year marks a very considerable increase in the purchase of improved farming machinery, and most of the farms of the county of any size are now well equipped in that line. While there has been a slight decline in lumber, all of the mills around here are running as regularly as their force of hands will allow. The indications at present for the coming year are equally as bright.

Scottsville Social News.
[From Our Regular Correspondent.]
SCOTTSVILLE, VA., December 28.—Christmas was quietly spent here, the day being devoted to the exchange of gifts and the absorption of good cheer and the night to fireworks at almost every home. Some of the fire balloons floating over the country side frightened sleepily little birds from their roosts.

Jno. M. Londerer, of Charlottesville, W. Va., is expected home with his bride this week.

Miss Bessie Holladay, of Spotsylvania, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Kincaid at "Hawthorne."

Mr. W. F. Pitts is visiting his old home here.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Farrar left on Thursday morning via Richmond for Suffolk, where they will spend a few days.

Lindsay Heath arrived here on Saturday evening to visit his parents.

Miss Parke Harris is at Paradise for the holidays.

Mr. Marion Pitts is spending the week at Belle Haven.

Mr. Fred Hall, of Manchester, is a guest at Cedar Hill.

Caroline Social News.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
BOWLING GREEN, VA., December 28.—Miss Kata Campbell, who has been living at the Washington Seminary in Atlanta, Ga., is now spending some time at Mr. S. W. Broadhead's.

Mr. Norman and Howard McManaway, of Richmond, are spending this week with their parents.

Miss Rena Wright, of Norfolk, is visiting at Mrs. C. R. Ennis's.

Mr. Percy Sutton, of Norfolk, is spending some time with his parents.

Misses Taylor and Robert Chevington, of Washington, are visiting friends here.

Mrs. Lee Agnew and son, Mr. Albert Agnew, of Washington, are visiting relatives.

Dr. F. G. Cowherd, of Baltimore, spent some time here this week visiting friends.

Misses Robert and John Beazle, of Newport News, are visiting their cousin, Mr. Walter Beazle.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Bullard and fam-

Blacksburg Social News

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
BLACKSBURG, VA., December 28.—Mr. John S. Dowdy has sent out cards announcing the marriage of his daughter, Nettie Edith, to Mr. Jess Hawkins Wayne, the ceremony taking place at 4:30 on the afternoon of December 24th, at the Ponce de Leon Hotel, in Roanoke, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne came to Blacksburg for a week's visit to the latter's family, and after January 1st will be "at home" at High Point, N. C. where Mr. Wayne is engaged in the furniture business.

Announcements have been received here of the marriage of Carrie E. McAvail and Mr. Charles R. Holdaway, the wedding taking place at noon on Christmas Day in the bride's home, at Tavestock, Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Holdaway will spend their honeymoon in New York, and after the New Year will come to Blacksburg, occupying apartments in Dr. Earhart's home on Roanoke Street. Mr. Holdaway is a native of New Zealand, but for several years has been a special student and is now assistant superintendent of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Dr. Earhart, Commandant and Mrs. G. H. Jamerson entertained the cadets of the V. P. I. who stayed here for the holidays.

Wednesday evening from 6 to 10 at their home on the campus. House and table decorations were in Christmas greens and holly, and an elaborate dinner being served these representatives of many States, who were prevented by duty from attending, read from spending the Yuletide in their own homes.

The various Sunday schools of the town gave their pupils entertainments during the week. The Lutherans had a tree, the Methodists, Baptists, and Baptists had a tree the evening. The little folks were given presents and an abundance of candy and fruit.

Misses Anna Hanna and Emma Garrison, of the Institute Infirmary are at their home in New Jersey, for the holidays.

Professor and Mrs. S. R. Pritchard and the children are at the home of Mrs. J. W. Stull, near Newcastle, for the week.

Misses Mary Pack, of the Blackstone College, and Clara Pack, of the Blackwood School, are with their family here for two weeks.

Miss Louise Hoge, of the D. D. and B. Institute in Staunton, is with her mother, Mrs. John Hampton Hoge, for the vacation.

Professor and Mrs. Louis O'Shaunessy, of the University of Pennsylvania, are visiting the latter's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Surface.

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. McBryde, Jr., of Sweet Briar Institute, and Dr. Charles N. McBryde, of Washington, are at the home of Dr. John McBryde for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Guigard, of Chicago, are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McBryde, Jr., of Sweet Briar Institute, for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. William Walker, of Rural Retreat, Messrs. Ernest Walker, of San Francisco, and G. W. Walker, of Hamilton, are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McBryde, Jr., of Sweet Briar Institute, for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lybrook and Master William, Jr., have gone to Giles county, where they will remain for a week's visit.

Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Williams and Miss Virginia Patton are with Mrs. William Patton, in Lexington, for a week's visit.

Miss Mary Stiff, of the Institute stenographer staff, left Tuesday for her home in the Potomac River of Maryland.

Professor J. L. Phillips is spending the holidays with his wife, the latter's old home in Wisconsin.

Dr. William F. Henderson left Tuesday for Nicholas County, where he is to deliver and spend Christmas with his daughters, who are there at school.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Miller and Miss Edith Keister left to-day for Beckley, W. Va., to visit relatives for several days.

Miss Nellie Bragg, of the Norfolk and Western offices in Roanoke, is at her home here for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Williams and Miss Virginia Patton are with Mrs. William Patton, in Lexington, for a week's visit.

Rev. Robert Nelson, of Newport, Ky., the new rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Blacksburg, will be in Blacksburg Saturday. The rectory is being put in order for their occupancy by the Nelsons, and the ladies of the church this week.

Major and Mrs. Robert Anderson, of Roanoke, are guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. Clara Tutwiler, at the Blacksburg Inn.

Bon Air Social News.
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BON AIR, VA., December 28.—The Library Social met Friday night with Mrs. E. L. Cox as "Glee Lady." The house was beautifully decorated with holly and running cedar, and the Christmas carols were carried out in refreshments. Among those present were: Mesdames Miller, Wherry, Williams, Ferguson, McClure, Bullington, and Misses Wither, Cook, Dodds, Wren, Williams, and Messrs. Albert Williams, Polk, Miller, B. M. Bullington, Wherry, Ferguson, and Mr. B. McClure.

Mr. Norman Morton was the guest last Sunday of Mr. R. M. Bullington.

Miss Mary Montague and Mr. Percy Montague were the guests last week of Mrs. Wm. Withers.

Miss Miriam Prindle and Mrs. Jason Prindle left last Monday for Wilmington, Del., to spend Christmas with Miss Edith Prindle, after which they will leave to make their future home in Kirksville, Mo.

Misses Virginia Miller and Nellie McClure have returned home to spend the holidays with their parents. They are attending the Mary Baldwin School in Staunton, Va.

Miss August Bartfield and Miss Lillian Cox are the guests for Christmas of Mrs. George Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Haskins Hobson, Jr., left last Saturday for Belmont, where they are the guests of their mother, Mrs. Budd, until Christmas Day, when they will go to Mr. and Mrs. Haskins Hobson's home in Charleston.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ashburn and children are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Haskins Hobson, in Belmont.

Mr. E. P. Cox, of Richmond, was the guest recently of Mr. J. E. Cox.

Mr. Robert Bovee, a week-end guest of Mr. R. M. Bullington.

Messrs. Jerry Jewett, Charles Morrisette, of Middlethian, and Mr. John Remetste, of Richmond, were guests Christmas Day of Mr. R. M. Bullington.

Mr. Bates McClure, who is attending the University of Virginia, is visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. B. McClure, during the holidays.

Mrs. Clara Bridgeforth and Misses Powers were the guests recently of Mr. Joseph Sadler, at Forest Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sadler are visiting friends in Amelia.

Mr. Lucien L. Bass was the guest recently of Mrs. Charles S. Campbell, of Dumbar.

Miss Augusta Patton, of Green Spring Valley, near Baltimore, and Miss Lucie Patton, missionary to Ragged Mountain, have returned to their respective homes, after a pleasant stay with their brother, Mr. James Patton.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert, of Newport News, have recently been the guests of their brother, Mr. Sam Fleming.

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This week we offer numerous chances for economizers to capture the biggest bargains of their lives. Inventory stores us in the face—stocks must be reduced—prices must be cut, cut, cut until the very tags themselves are severed.

This is to be a week of *real* bargaining at Thalhimer's and wise is the woman who visits the store daily. All holiday goods in stock are marked at bargain prices, too, and every floor offers a flood of staple merchandise greatly under usual prices. Read every word that follows carefully.

A Money-Saving List

\$1.25 and \$1.50 Fancy Wool Dress Goods, in many stylish effects; sale price, per yard 75c

Exquisite Winter Dress Goods, the usual 50c values, every desirable coloring; sale price 39c

Five pieces 44-inch Novelty Suitings, worth 75c per yard; sale price 50c

A half dozen patterns of regular 50c Fancy Dress Goods, very stylish; sale price, per yard 29c

Men's Initial Handkerchiefs, beautiful silk initials; sale price, 10c each, or four for 25c

Gents' \$7.48 Wool Bath Robes, many patterns, nicely made; sale price \$4.98

Gents' \$1.00 White and Black Silk Mufflers; sale price 75c

Ladies' Outing Flannel Gowns, trimmed with beading, turnover collars, in pink and blue; dollar values sale price 75c

Six styles of Outing Flannel Gowns, turnover collar, embroidered collars and tucked yokes, \$1.50 value; sale price \$1.00

Seven pretty styles in Outing Flannel Gowns, turnover and embroidered collars, hemstitched and bistratched yokes, all colors, white also, \$1.98 value; sale price \$1.50

Several good styles of Outing Gowns, extra widths and lengths to close, \$1.98 values; sale price \$1.50

White Flannel Skirts, four styles, silk embroidered ruffles, finished with hemstitched and bistratched bands, 31 inches long; sale price, each, 75c to \$1.25

Four styles and colors in Heavy Mole Skirts, finished with dust ruffles; usual price \$1.50; sale price \$1.00

Ladies' All-Leather Shopping Bags that were \$3.98 each; sale price \$1.98

A large line of Leather Bags that sold at \$2.98; sale price, \$1.50

Ladies' Leather Bags, the kind that sold at \$2.48; sale price \$1.00

All-Wool Sweaters for boys and girls, usual price \$1.50 each; sale price \$1.00

Boys' Buster Brown Sweaters, all wool, usually \$1.50; sale price \$1.00

We're Cutting Prices on the Third Floor

6-4 Red Washable Table Covers, slightly soiled, sold for \$1.50 and \$1.25; sale price, each \$1.00

6-4 Table Covers, in red, blue and green, usually sold at \$1.50, \$1.25 and \$1.00; sale price, each 75c

100 Smyrna Mats, 15x32 inches, sold for 50c; sale price, each 42c

One lot All-Wool Smyrna Mats, very pretty patterns; former price 75c; sale price, each 59c

50-inch Couch Covers, cheap at \$1.25, Oriental stripes; sale price, each 98c

Lace Curtain Ends, one strip of a kind, in ecru or white, sold for 75c, 98c and \$1.25; sale price, each 50c

Sofa Pillows, a few left; sold for \$1.50, \$1.25 and 98c; sale price, each 75c

30x50 All-Wool Smyrna Rugs, sold for \$2.48 and \$1.98; sale price \$1.50

Few more Bath Robe Patterns left, in light or dark colors, worth \$1.25; sale price, each 98c

White Wool Blankets, that sold for \$5.98 and \$6.00; slightly soiled; sale price \$4.48

Every stock in the store offers a wealth of sparkling opportunities for savers. Attend the Before-Inventory Sale at Thalhimer's—come and economize!